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# The Daily Standard.

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## Editorial.

It is one of the anomalies of the present day that while a spiritual warfare is being waged against the authority of the Roman Pontiff in Italy, Germany, Switzerland, and other Continental States, and every precaution being taken to curtail the influence hereof, while the priests of the Roman church are casting aside the fetters which bound them to the Vatican, and organizing themselves anew under certain distinctive names, such as "Old Catholics," "Liberal Catholics," "Reformed Catholics," etc., in contradistinction to the Church of Rome, we see on the part of a large and not by any means unimportant body of the priesthood of the established Church of England, a disposition to re-introduce into that church many of the doctrines and practices of the Roman Church, which at the time of the Reformation were discarded from her ritual as being without any foundation whatever in the scriptures of divine truth. While many of the priesthood of Rome are seeking to do away with auricular confession, for instance, the priesthood of England are introducing it among their people; and so with many other doctrines peculiar to the Church of Rome. If these men are honestly persuaded that Romanism is right and Protestantism wrong, why do they not make a clean breast of it, and act upon their convictions? They would then be entitled to credit for consistency, even from those who could cherish no sympathy for the change which has been wrought in their views. Every mail from England brings additional information of the operations of the ritualistic priesthood in the Established Church of England. Amongst some of the latest items of intelligence is the startling announcement that a pilgrimage to Jerusalem has been organized. Those clergymen who espouse the peculiar views of this movement, are bent on carrying them into execution, despite disapprobation of Bishops, or remonstrance of congregations. Bishops may direct, or congregations be in arms, with indignant protests, it makes no difference to them—they are determined to have their own way. One of the English Churches, that of St. Barnabas, Pimlico, is at the present time before the public in the Consistory Court, over the contention as to whether a "baldaquin" shall or shall not be erected over the communion table in that church, the placing of which canopy would be a sign of the corporal presence in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Upon this question, counsel on both sides have been contending with bitter earnestness for several days. As a specimen of the obtinate determination of ritualistic ministers to have their own way, let us read what one of them has to say on the subject, being an extract from a work entitled, "Secular Judgments on Spiritual Matters," by Rev. Orby Shipley, M.A. That pious individual says: "Forbidden to light two candles on the altar, I would place them above the altar; prevented from mixing the chalice in the sanctuary, I would mix water with the wine in the vestry; if it be unlawful to kneel in adoration during the prayer of consecration, I would kneel; if it be unlawful to genuflect, I would bow. Is it against the decision of the Judicial Committee to elevate the altar? I would elevate the Host. Does the Court, with physical force, remove from me the eucharistic vestments, and remove me from my position outward as a sacrilegious priest? I would wear a chasuble shaped surplice; and abandoning the cataphormic position facing east, I would stand basilical-wise after the Pontifical use of St. Peter's at Rome, facing west. Any technical flaw I should grasp at; any legal quibble I should cling to; any theological loophole I should pass through sideways; any double meaning in language I should take advantage of. I should take refuge in the all-powerful defence of the weak. I should act simply on principle—the principle to do God's work as best I might under difficult circumstances, for his glory, the good of my neighbour, and my own salvation." What with such antagonistic elements within the Church of England, and the fierce attacks of Dissenters from without, owing to this leaning towards Romanism, she will have a very hard battle to fight. What will be the result of this internal wrangling and external warfare, it is difficult to say; but one thing is certain, some very important issues are pending which are long to develop themselves.

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